



United States Department of Agriculture

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Office of the Secretary  
Washington, D.C. 20250

The Honorable John Kasich  
Governor  
State of Ohio  
Columbus, Ohio 43215-6117

Dear Governor Kasich:

Thank you for your letter of May 12, 2011, requesting a disaster designation for Ashland, Delaware, Holmes, Tuscarawas, and Wyandot Counties, Ohio, due to excessive rain, flooding, high winds, and tornadoes that occurred from February 2 through March 23, 2011.

The Department of Agriculture has reviewed the Loss Assessment Reports and determined that there were sufficient production losses to warrant a Secretarial disaster designation. Therefore, I am designating all five counties named above, as primary natural disaster areas.

In accordance with section 321(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, additional areas of your State are named as contiguous disaster counties. Those counties are:

Carroll	Guernsey	Huron	Marion	Seneca
Coshocton	Hancock	Knox	Medina	Stark
Crawford	Hardin	Licking	Morrow	Union
Franklin	Harrison	Lorain	Richland	Wayne

A Secretarial disaster designation makes farm operators in both primary and contiguous counties eligible to be considered for assistance from the Farm Service Agency (FSA), provided eligibility requirements are met. This assistance includes FSA emergency loans and the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) Program. Farmers in eligible counties have eight months from the date of a Secretarial disaster declaration to apply for emergency loan assistance. FSA will consider each emergency loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of production losses, security available, and repayment ability. SURE Program applications for 2011 crop losses will be accepted in 2012, when the 2011 farm revenue data required by statute becomes available.

Local FSA offices can provide affected farmers with further information.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Vilsack  
Secretary

## CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

## House of Representatives

## PRIMARY COUNTIES

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## House of Representatives

### *Contiguous Counties*

State	Congressional District	County	Part	Representative
Ohio	4	Hancock		Jim Jordan
	4	Hardin		Jim Jordan
	4	Marion		Jim Jordan
	4	Morrow		Jim Jordan
	4	Richland		Jim Jordan
	5	Crawford		Robert E. Latta
	5	Huron		Robert E. Latta
	5	Seneca		Robert E. Latta
	7	Franklin	(part)	Steve Austria
	9	Lorain	(part)	Marcy Kaptur
	12	Franklin	(part)	Patrick J. Tiberi
	12	Licking	(part)	Patrick J. Tiberi
	13	Lorain	(part)	Betty Sutton
	13	Medina	(part)	Betty Sutton
	15	Franklin	(part)	Steve Stivers
	15	Union		Steve Stivers
	16	Medina	(part)	James B. Renacci
	16	Stark		James B. Renacci
	16	Wayne		James B. Renacci
	18	Carroll		Bob Gibbs
	18	Coshocton		Bob Gibbs
	18	Guernsey		Bob Gibbs
	18	Harrison		Bob Gibbs
	18	Knox		Bob Gibbs
	18	Licking	(part)	Bob Gibbs

# **CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION**

## **SENATORS:**

**Primary State: Ohio**

**Senator Sherrod Brown**

**Senator Rob Portman**